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In the Drawings:

A spelling error has been corrected in Figure 1. "Periferal" is changed to "Peripheral" in two (2) locations.

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Remarks:

Reconsideration of the above referenced application in view of the enclosed amendment and remarks is requested. Claims 1, 7, 13, and 17 have been amended. Existing Claims 1 to 20 remain in the application. The Title of the application has been amended to be more descriptive of the claimed invention, at the request of the Examiner. The specification has been amended to address inconsistencies with the drawings, as well as typographical errors. No new matter has been added. Figure 1 has been amended to correct a spelling error. A Request for Drawing Correction is submitted herein.

ARGUMENT

The Examiner objects to Figure 2B as failing to show the "illustrated *interactions* of various components." The description of Figure 2B has been amended to more accurately reflect what is shown in the Figure, i.e., *relationships* of the various components, as well as, the existing description of the Figure. The components shown in Figure 2B are adequately described in the Specification as originally filed. The drawing shows adjacency of items that are closely related and the Specification, as originally filed, describes the relationships between and among the items. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner objects to Figure 4, because item 415 was not mentioned in the description. The reference numeral (415) was mistakenly omitted from the existing description. The Specification has therefore been amended to add the reference numeral (415) to existing description at the appropriate item, which has been previously described in the Specification as filed. No new matter has been added.

The Specification has further been amended to omit the "http/" from the already modified URLs to avoid automatic generation of hyperlinks, as requested by the Examiner.

Claims 1-3, 5-8 and 17-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 5,835,760 to Harmer (hereinafter "Harmer"). This rejection is respectfully

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traversed and Claims 1-3, 5-8 and 17-19 are believed allowable as amended based on the following discussion.

Independent Claims 1, 7, 13 and 17 have been amended to explicitly recite that the system and method require a platform having an extensible firmware interface (EFI) architecture. Applicant's claimed invention generally requires an EFI comprising data tables having platform-related information, and boot and runtime service calls available to the operating environment, wherein the EFI enables extension of platform firmware by loading driver and application images, which when loaded, have access to all EFI defined runtime and boot services.

In contrast, Harmer teaches a method for storing a portion of a BIOS in system RAM. Harmer does not teach or suggest an extensible firmware interface. Further, Harmer does not teach that self-describing media modules (firmware extensions) may extend the firmware capabilities.

Claims 4 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Harmer in view of *BIOS Updates*. This rejection is respectfully traversed and Claims 4 and 20 are believed allowable as amended based on the foregoing and following discussion.

BIOS Updates, at least, fails to teach or disclose that the system has an extensible firmware interface. Applicant's claimed invention generally requires an EFI comprising data tables having platform-related information, and boot and runtime service calls available to the operating environment, wherein the EFI enables extension of platform firmware by loading driver and application images, which when loaded, have access to all EFI defined runtime and boot services. Thus, Claims 4 and 20 are allowable.

Claims 9-11 and 13-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Harmer in view of U.S. Pat. No. 5,978,912 to Rakavy et al. (hereinafter "Rakavy et al."). This rejection is respectfully traversed and Claims 9-11 and 13-16 are believed allowable as amended based on the foregoing and following discussion.

Rakavy et al. teach a method and system for communicating with a computer through a network prior to booting the computer's operating system. At no time do Rakavy et al. teach or disclose a system with an EFI architecture where the EFI enables extension of platform firmware which when loaded has access to all EFI defined runtime and boot services. Thus, Claims 9-11 and 13-16 are allowable.

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Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Harmer in view of Rakavy et al. and further in view of *Unicode Technical Report #10*. This rejection is respectfully traversed and Claim 12 is believed allowable as amended based on the foregoing and following discussion.

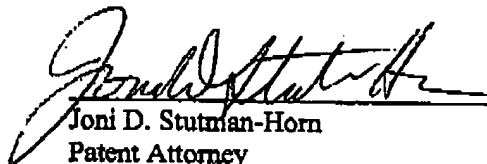
Neither Rakavy et al. nor *Unicode Technical Report #10* teach or disclose a system having an EFI architecture. Applicant's invention is a system and method for extending the firmware capabilities using the EFI architecture. Thus, Claim 12 is allowable. All claims remaining in the application are now allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Claims 1 to 20 are all in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 633-6845. Early issuance of Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Please charge any shortage of fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 50-0221 and please credit any excess fees to such account.

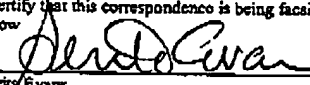
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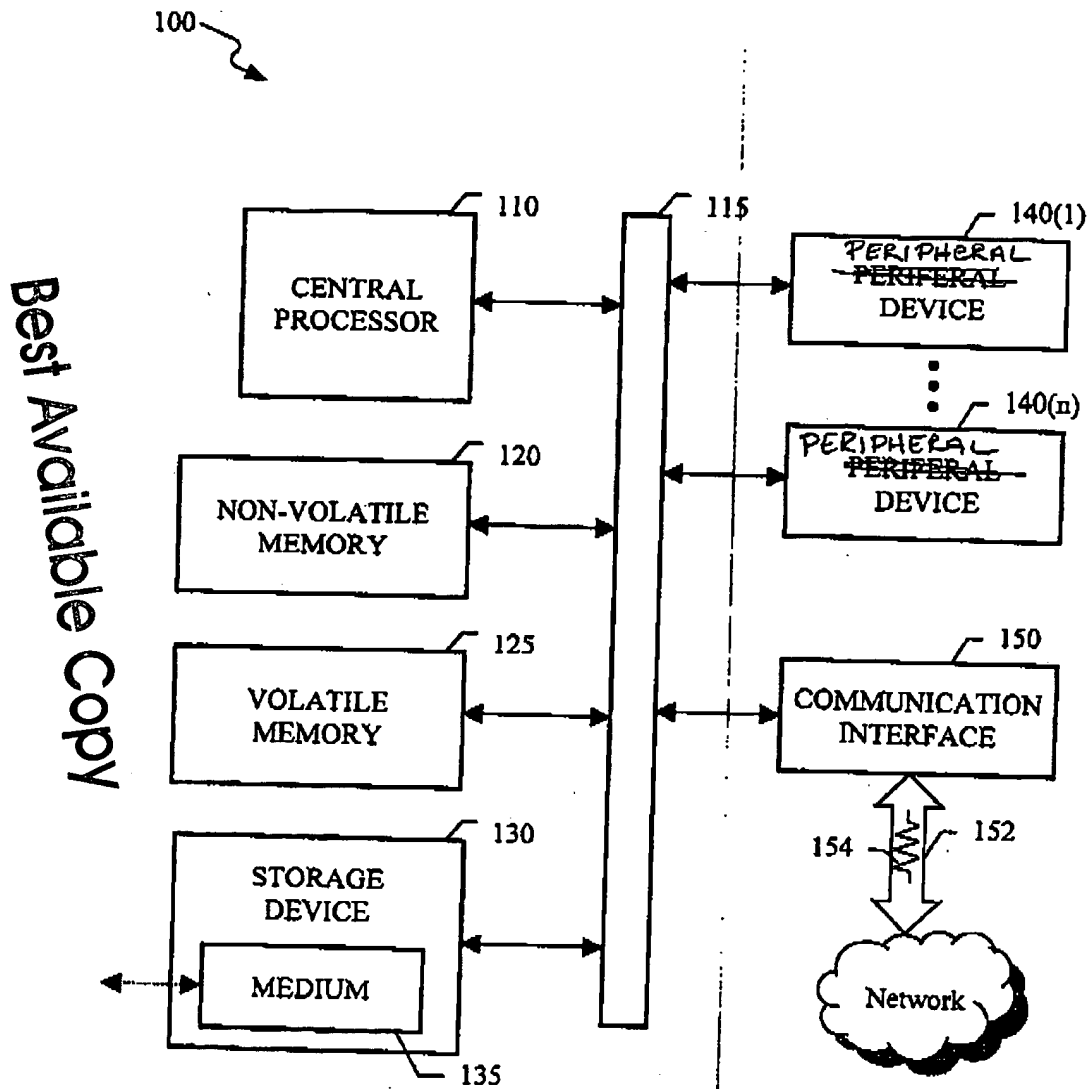
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